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SUBJECT: FRANCO-SOMALI RELATIONS

REF: MOGADISCIO 463

1. DURING CONVERSATION LARGELY DEVOTED TO OTHER MATTERS, QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA COMBAL TOLD US APRIL 3 THAT THE FRENCH HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER THERE WAS, IN FACT, SOMALI GOVERNMENT COMPLICITY IN THE KIDNAPPING OF AMBASSADOR GUEURY. THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT WAS, HOWEVER, HIGHLY UNCOOPERATIVE THROUGHOUT THE INCIDENT: IN RESPONSE TO FRENCH PLEAS FOR ENERGETIC ACTION, FOR EXAMPLE, SIAD AT ONE POINT WENT SO FAR AS TO THREATEN THAT IF THE FRENCH WANTED ACTION, HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ORDER THE TANKS SURROUNDING THE HOUSE WHERE GUEURY WAS HELD TO OPEN FIRE.

2. COMBAL INDICATED THAT WHILE A FINAL DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN, IT IS LIKELY THAT GUEURY WILL NOT RETURN TO MOGADISCIO AND THAT THE FRENCH WILL LEAVE THEIR EMBASSY UNDER A CHARGE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD.

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3. COMMENT: PROBABLY IN CONFORMITY WITH QUAI "SUGGESTIONS" BASED ON THE DESIRE TO DEEMPHASIZE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE KIDNAPPING AND THE FRENCH PRESENCE IN DJIBOUTI, THE PARIS MEDIA GAVE THE KIDNAPPING RESTRAINED TREATMENT.
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